

REMARKS

In the **non-final** Office Action mailed November 12, 2009, the Office noted that claims 13-15 and 20, 21 and 23-25 were pending and rejected claim 24. In this Amendment no claims have been amended, claim 24 has been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 13-15, 20, 21, 23 and 25 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections and objections are traversed below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office has indicated that claims 13-15, 20, 21, 23 and 25 are allowable. The Applicants acknowledge the allowance of the claims and thank the Office for its consideration in examining these claims.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 24 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Office asserts that the claim is directed to a computer program per se. The Applicants have cancelled claim 24.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101. It is also submitted that claims 13-15, 20, 21, 23 and 25 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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